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transfer embodiments or a combination of the above mentioned embodiments are within the scope of the present invention.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for modifying data from a group of laboratory instruments,
the method comprising the steps of:
obtaining data indicative of testing specimen outputs of the group of laboratory
instruments; and
normalizing the data according to a control group.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) A method for modifying data from two or more groups of laboratory
instruments, the method comprising the steps of:
obtaining testing specimen outputs from a first of the two or more groups of
laboratory instruments;
obtaining testing specimen outputs from a second of the two or more groups of
laboratory instruments; and
normalizing the testing specimen outputs from the first and second groups of
laboratory instruments.

Please amend claim 45 as follows:

45. (Amended) A method for standardizing instrument results from a plurality of laboratory instruments, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining testing specimen data from a first of a group of laboratory instruments;

normalizing the first laboratory instrument testing specimen data according to a first normalization curve; and

adjusting the first laboratory instrument data according to the first normalization curve.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification and Claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".